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Subject: Corrected: Changes in Flood Categories for Stream Gages along the Iowa River in eastern Iowa, including Marengo (MROI4), Iowa City (IOWI4), Lone Tree (LNTI4), Columbus Junction (CJTI4),

Wapello (WAPI4), and Oakville (OKVI4)

Correction: Action Stage at Lone Tree (LNTI4) will remain at 14.0 ft

Effective February 7, 2019, the National Weather Service will change the flood stages and flood categories for the following stream gages on the Iowa River in eastern Iowa. The gages that will have changes include Marengo (MROI4), Iowa City (IOWI4), Lone Tree (Tri County Bridge) (LNTI4), Columbus Junction (CJTI4), Wapello (WAPI4), and Oakville (OKVI4).

These changes are part of a recent re-evaluation with local emergency managers regarding the flood plain and impacts from recent floods.

Beginning on February 7, 2019, Flood Watches, Flood Warnings, Flood Statements, probability outlooks and NWS hydrographs on the Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service (AHPS) will reference these new category levels.

The new flood categories will be as follows: (all values at level above gage zero datum)

Iowa River at Marengo (MROI4)

Gage zero datum: 720.52 ft above MSL NGVD29

New Flood Categories Previous Flood Categories

Action Stage: 13.0 ft
Flood Stage: 15.0 ft
Flood Stage: 14.0 ft

Moderate Flood Stage: 17.0 ft Moderate Flood Stage: 15.5 ft Major Flood Stage: 19.0 ft Major Flood Stage: 18.5 ft

Iowa River at Iowa City (IOWI4)

Gage zero datum: 617.27 ft above MSL NGVD29

New Flood Categories Previous Flood Categories

Action Stage: 21.0 ft
Flood Stage: 23.5 ft

Action Stage: 21.0 ft
Flood Stage: 22.0 ft

Moderate Flood Stage: 24.5 ft Moderate Flood Stage: 23.0 ft Major Flood Stage: 26.0 ft Major Flood Stage: 25.0 ft

Iowa River at Lone Tree (Tri-County Bridge) (LNTI4)
Gage zero datum: 588.16 ft above MSL NGVD29

New Flood Categories Previous Flood Categories

Action Stage: 14.0 ft
Flood Stage: 16.0 ft
Flood Stage: 15.0 ft

Moderate Flood Stage: 18.5 ft Moderate Flood Stage: 16.5 ft Major Flood Stage: 22.0 ft Major Flood Stage: 18.0 ft

Iowa River at Columbus Junction (CJTI4)
Gage zero datum: 558.29 ft above MSL NGVD29

New Flood Categories Previous Flood Categories

Action Stage: 19.0 ft
Flood Stage: 23.0 ft
Flood Stage: 19.0 ft
Flood Stage: 19.0 ft

Moderate Flood Stage: 25.0 ft Moderate Flood Stage: 22.0 ft Major Flood Stage: 26.5 ft Major Flood Stage: 23.0 ft

Iowa River at Wapello (WAPI4)
Gage zero datum: 538.17 ft above MSL NGVD29

New Flood Categories Previous Flood Categories

Action Stage: 18.5 ft
Flood Stage: 21.0 ft
Flood Stage: 20.0 ft

Moderate Flood Stage: 25.0 ft Moderate Flood Stage: 22.0 ft Major Flood Stage: 27.5 ft Major Flood Stage: 25.0 ft

Iowa River at Oakville (OKVI4)
Gage zero datum: 535.641 ft above MSL NGVD29

New Flood Categories Previous Flood Categories

Action Stage: 8.0 ft
Flood Stage: 11.0 ft
Flood Stage: 10.0 ft

Moderate Flood Stage: 15.0 ft Moderate Flood Stage: 12.0 ft Major Flood Stage: 20.0 ft Major Flood Stage: 19.0 FT

The National Weather Service welcomes public feedback. If you have any questions or comments on this change, please contact:

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